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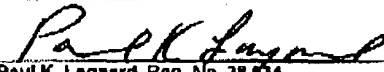
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Title: A Secondary Structure Defining Database And Methods For Determining Identity
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Final Rejection mailed March 9, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

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